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SEQUENCES RELATING TO	)	
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DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS	)	
(As Amended)	)	

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in complete response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2003. A three-month extension of time has been requested and the corresponding fee paid extending the time period of response to January 20, 2004 (January 17 is a Saturday and January 19 is a Federal holiday). Please amend the above-identified application as follows: